

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)
2. (Previously Presented) A method of managing information, comprising:
identifying a word of an image as a keyword;
determining a search result corresponding to the keyword;
displaying, on a display unit, a pop-up menu prepared based on a content of the search result;
displaying information corresponding to the search result; and
displaying additional information corresponding to a selection of a portion of the displayed information.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the image is displayed on a display unit.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the information corresponding to the search result is displayed on a display unit.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the step of displaying additional information is performed without altering a file corresponding to the image.
6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising:
selecting, after the step of displaying information and before the step of displaying additional information, the portion of the displayed information.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the determining step comprises:

determining the search result using a search engine accessible by a browser.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the step of identifying a word is performed using a pointing device.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the step of identifying a word is performed using a cursor position.

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11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the identified word is a non-linked word.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein, when a file is displayed on a display unit, a word from the file is identified as the keyword specified by a cursor on the display unit.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising:
displaying, on a display unit, in a space adjacent to the keyword, a menu comprising menu items for specifying search criteria for a search engine; and
specifying the menu item by a cursor,
wherein the keyword and the menu items specified are input into the search engine.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the menu is for specifying at least one search database.

15. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 2, further comprising:
displaying, on a display unit, in a space adjacent to the keyword, a menu for specifying output criteria of the search result.

16. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 15, wherein the menu is for specifying where to output the search result.

17. (Previously Presented) An information management device, comprising:
a display unit configured to display an image;
an identification unit configured to identify a word displayed in the image to be a keyword; and

a search unit configured to input the keyword and to output a search result corresponding to the keyword,

wherein the display unit is configured to obtain the search result corresponding to the keyword from the search unit, to display a pop-up menu prepared based on a content of the search result, to display information corresponding to the search result, and to display additional information corresponding to a selection of a portion of the displayed information.

18. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 17, further comprising:
a selection unit configured to receive an input from a user who selects a portion of the displayed information; and

at least one database for storing therein at least one file.

19. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 17, wherein said search unit is a search engine accessible by a browser.

20. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 17, wherein the identification unit is configured to identify the word using a pointing device.

21. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 17, wherein the identification unit is configured to identify the word using a cursor position.

22. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 17, wherein the display unit is configured to display additional information without altering a file corresponding to the image on the display unit.

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24. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 17, wherein the identification unit is configured to identify a non-linked word.

25. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 18, wherein, when a file comprising a hypertext file or a non-hypertext file is displayed on the display unit, the identification unit is configured to identify a word from the file as the keyword specified by the cursor on the display unit.

26. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 18, further comprising:

a search criteria specification unit configured to display, on the display unit, in a space adjacent to the keyword, a menu for specifying search criteria for the search unit, the menu comprising menu items to be specified by a cursor; and

a transfer unit configured to transfer the keyword and the menu items specified to the search unit.

27. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 26, wherein the menu is for specifying at least one search database.

28. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 17, further comprising:
an output criteria specification unit configured to display, on the display unit, in a space adjacent to the keyword, a menu for specifying output criteria of the search result.

29. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 28, wherein the menu is for specifying where to output the result of the search.

30. (Previously Presented) An information management device, comprising:
means for displaying an image;
means for identifying a word displayed in the image to be a keyword;
means for determining a search result corresponding to the keyword;
means for displaying, on a display unit, a pop-up menu prepared based on a content of the search result;
means for displaying information corresponding to the search result; and
means for displaying additional information corresponding to a selection of a portion of the displayed information.

31. (Previously Presented) A computer program product storing program instructions for execution on a computer device, which when executed by the computer device, cause the computer device to perform the steps of:

- identifying a word displayed in an image to be a keyword;
- determining a search result corresponding to the keyword;
- displaying, on a display unit, a pop-up menu prepared based on a content of the search result;
- displaying information corresponding to the search result; and
- displaying additional information corresponding to a selection of a portion of the displayed information.

32. (New) The method of claim 2, wherein the step of displaying the pop-up menu comprises:

- displaying text corresponding to the search result as text in the pop-up menu.

33. (New) The method of claim 2, wherein the step of displaying the pop-up menu comprises:

- determining text to be displayed in the pop-up menu, wherein the text corresponds to documents searched in obtaining the search result.

34. (New) The method of claim 2, wherein text displayed in the pop-up menu varies according to the content of the search result.